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Aggregation of Production Index Numbers

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1. [REDACTED] weighting procedure [REDACTED] for recent combined index numbers for the industrial output of the Soviet Bloc countries, which have appeared in Soviet publications, one by the Economic Research Institute in Pravda, December 1954, and another in the July 1955 issue of Mezhdunarodnaya Zhizn.¹ [REDACTED] the method would be to convert aggregate gross production values, in constant prices, at the prevailing official exchange rates and obtain the result in a common currency.

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[REDACTED] The values in the common year prices would be converted at the exchange rates ruling in that year.

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[REDACTED] there was no fixed way of aggregating output index numbers in the Soviet Bloc [REDACTED] even in the Soviet Union each institute could adopt the method that it preferred.

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Investment Price Coefficients

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[] the estimates for Bulgaria were recomputed for each physical operation in construction so that each new set of quinquennial prices reflected the changed cost structure. [] that was certainly how the Soviets would always operate ideally; for example, they would take a cubic meter of earth moving and value it regionally (the ground was harder and therefore work was more costly in the North) for the basic estimate-price. However, in 1946, they had to work in a hurry and get a plan out, so they could not do all the computations desired. They used fairly wide group coefficients which reasonably reflected the change in values (stoimost) which he distinguished from costs (sebestoimost).

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